

2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SEASON

BURKS REPEATS AS USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2023

By: Richie Murray – USAC Media

Speedway, Indiana (October 11, 2023).....The most successful driver in the history of the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car series did it again in 2023.

This year, Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) earned his third career USAC MWRA title in the four-year history of the series, backing up previous championships in 2020 and 2022 with a second consecutive crown this past season.

Burks was downright dominant in 2023, winning the series title by a record 375-point margin on the strength of six series victories on April 29 at I-70 Motorsports Park, May 26 at U.S. 36 Raceway and June 16 at Lakeside Speedway before running off a three-race winning streak on August 18 at Lakeside Speedway, September 1 at U.S. 36 Raceway and again on September 2 at I-35 Speedway, which cemented his championship hopes and dreams.

Taking control of the championship point lead by mid-June, Burks reeled off 17 consecutive top-ten finishes in 17 feature starts and finished the year with eight-straight top-five results in his Wyatt Burks Racing/Wholesale Batteries – Harris Fabrication – Weber Watowa/Triple X/BR Chevy.

Chris Parkinson Racing teammates took the “place” and “show” honors in the final standings. Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) finished as the runner-up in the standings for the second year in a row, accumulating a best finish of fourth on three-straight nights in early September. Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) collected a career-best third in series points by virtue of a best run of third at Electric City Speedway in July. Meanwhile, it was a second-straight fourth place points finish for Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.), a runner-up at Lakeside in June.

Overall, a series record eight different drivers captured victories during the season. Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), the 2021 series champ, won four times on June 24 at Valley Speedway, July 21 at U.S. 36 Raceway, July 28 at Electric City Speedway and September 30 at U.S. 36 Raceway.

Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) added two to the tally this year on July 29 at Nevada Speedway and on September 29 at U.S. 36 Raceway. In doing so, Smith became the second series driver to reach double-figures in terms of series feature victories.

Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) won the season opening race at Electric City, his first with the series, and led the points throughout the first five events. However, by July, he took a hiatus from the series, citing burnout, but ultimately made his return to the cockpit for the final weekend of the year.

Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.) returned to USAC MWRA victory lane for the first time in nearly three years with a score in May at Humboldt Speedway. Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) was absent for the first four rounds of the season but came out swinging in his return as he picked up a Labor Day victory at Bethany Speedway.

Outside of Cromwell, two more drivers earned their first career trips to USAC MWRA victory lane in 2023 with Ty Hulsey (Owasso, Okla.) reigning at 81 Speedway in May while Ricky Lewis (Camarillo, Calif.), making his first career series start, charged to victory in September at Valley Speedway.

Jake Swanson (Anaheim, Calif.) tallied the lone non-points special event of the season, winning with a final lap pass of Brady Bacon in turn four at Iowa’s Knoxville Raceway in June. The event was held in conjunction with the USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship.

Schudy led all drivers with 121 laps led while Burks grabbed a series-high 14 top-fives and 17 top-tens. Burks and Schudy were knotted up at eight apiece in terms of heat race victories this season. Wyatt Burks, Justin Johnson, Chris Parkinson and Chad Winfrey were the lone four drivers to start all 17 feature events in 2023.

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CROMWELL IS “ELECTRIC” IN USAC MWRA SEASON OPENER

By: Ray Cunningham

Butler, Missouri (April 21, 2023).....Braydon Cromwell corralled the field in thrilling fashion to pick up his first career USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association victory on Friday night at Butler, Missouri’s Electric City Speedway.

The Lone Jack, Mo. gasser beat a stellar field to the stripe in the 25-lapper, besting 2021 MWRA champion Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) and Quinton Benson (Sweet Springs, Mo.) with defending MWRA champion Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) rounding out the top-five.

Early race leader Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) took sixth ahead of Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.), Craig Carroll (Collinsville, Okla.) and Bryson Smith (Nixa, Mo.) with Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) completing the top-10.

The field of 20 took part in three eight-lap heat races with Schudy, Wagner and Benson taking home the wins in the first ever completed program for the MWRA at Electric City Speedway. The first attempt for the series at ECS came last July in a program that was canceled after rain swept over the track following heat race action.

As a side notes, the First MWRA win for Cromwell wouldn’t have taken place without the help of Rick Horn, a noted open wheel car owner in the area who provided the Cromwell family race team an engine for Friday night’s program.

Samuel Wagner, driving the Wagner Boys Racing sprinter, passed five cars in the feature to win the Midwest Wingless Racing Association Hard Charger Award. Lauri, Mo. chauffeur Jesse Bebee collected the Xtreme Color Hard Luck Award after crashing his car at the start of the third heat race. Bebee was okay after the accident, but his number 45 racer suffered damage that kept him from competing for the rest of the evening.

Next up for the USAC MWRA Sprint Cars is a trip to Odessa, Missouri’s I-70 Motorsports Park next Saturday night for the Open Wheel Classic featuring the MWRA vs. the POWRi WAR Sprint Car League.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: April 21, 2023 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 2. 44-Wesley Smith (2), 3. 9-Cody Baker (4), 4. 11w-Wyatt Burks (6), 5. 65-Chris Parkinson (5), 6. 7JR-J.D. Black (3), 7. 73-Samuel Wagner (7). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps) 1. 77-Jack Wagner (1), 2. 4-Braydon Cromwell (4), 3. 41-Brad Wyatt (2), 4. 24c-Craig Carroll (3), 5. 24H-Ty Hulsey (5), 6. 2-Chad Frewaldt (7), 7. 15E-Dakota Earls (6). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps) 1. 15B-Quinton Benson (3), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (1), 3. 33-Bryson Smith (5), 4. 88-Chad Tye (4), 5. 27J-Justin Johnson (6), 6. 45-Jesse Bebee (2). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps) 1. Braydon Cromwell (4), 2. Kory Schudy (1), 3. Wesley Smith (6), 4. Quinton Benson (3), 5. Wyatt Burks (9), 6. Jack Wagner (2), 7. Brad Wyatt (10), 8. Craig Carroll (12), 9. Bryson Smith (5), 10. Chad Winfrey (7), 11. Cody Baker (8), 12. Chris Parkinson (14), 13. Ty Hulsey (15), 14. Samuel Wagner (19), 15. J.D. Black (17), 16. Chad Tye (11), 17. Justin Johnson (13), 18. Chad Frewaldt (16), 19. Dakota Earls (20), 20. Jesse Bebee (18). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-10 Jack Wagner, Laps 11-25 Braydon Cromwell.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Braydon Cromwell-200, 2-Kory Schudy-185, 3-Wesley Smith-180, 4-Quinton Benson-175, 5-Wyatt Burks-170, 6-Jack Wagner-165, 7-Brad Wyatt-160, 8-Bryson Smith-150, 9-Chad Winfrey-145, 10-Cody Baker-140.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: April 29, 2023 – I-70 Motorsports Park – Odessa, Missouri

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BURKS BLASTS HIS WAY TO VICTORY AT I-70

By: Ray Cunningham

Odessa, Missouri (April 29, 2023).....Defending USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association champion Wyatt Burks scored an impressive victory during Saturday night's Open Wheel Classic at Odessa, Missouri's I-70 Motorsports Park, co-sanctioned by the POWRi WAR Sprint Car League.

Burks (Topeka, Kan.), who is MWRA's all-time winningest driver with 11 career victories, passed under flagman Lonnie Pauley's checkered flag for the first time this season after leading all 25 laps aboard his Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w in an event that paid all participants 75 appearance points toward the season long championship, which Burks has previously won in both 2020 and 2022.

The 25-lapper produced many spine-tingling moments after Burks seized the lead from his fourth starting spot early in a race that went green to checker without a single caution or red flag.

The torrid pace of the feature led to Burks, nicknamed "The Sheriff," running in and out of lapped traffic throughout most of the race while Jack Wagner, Wesley Smith, Riley Kreisel and Xavier Doney all followed in a like manner trying to keep Burks in their sights.

As the race reached its conclusion, Wagner fought valiantly to catch up with the Jayhawk gasser but fell a few car lengths short at the finish line. The fast pace of the race left Burks almost out of breath in victory lane as he expressed the thrill of winning the \$2,500 first place prize.

Jack Wagner of Lone Jack, Mo. ran second in the Wagner Boys Racing No. 77 while Wesley Smith of Billings, Mo. took third in his WSR Racing No. 44. Riley Kreisel, hailing from Warsaw, Mo. was fourth in his DKR Motorsports No. 91 and Xavier Doney of Odessa, Mo. piloted his Doney-Lawson No. 74 to fifth.

Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.), Eddie Tafoya Jr. (Chino Hills, Calif.), Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.), Zach Daum (Pocahontas, Ill.) and Kyle Lewis Spring Hill, Mo.) rounded out the top-10 in the 22-car field.

Clark won the Valor Racing Hard Charger Award this evening by passing nine cars in the feature after coming from 20th to 11th. Heat race winners included Daum, Smith and reigning POWRi WAR champ Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.). Burks collected a special trophy dash victory sponsored by Valor featuring drivers from both the WAR and MWRA series.

The USAC Wholesale Batteries MWRA Sprint Cars will next be in action on Friday night, May 5, when they make their first ever visit to Kansas' Humboldt Speedway followed by a trip to Park City, Kansas' 81 Speedway on Saturday night, May 6.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: April 29, 2023 – I-70 Motorsports Park – Odessa, Missouri – Open Wheel Classic

USAC MWRA VS. POWRI WAR DASH: (5 Laps) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (1), 2. 77-Jack Wagner (6), 3. 67-Jonathan Hughes (5), 4. 9x-Chad Goff (3). NT

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 5D-Zach Daum (4), 2. 73-Samuel Wagner (3), 3. 77-Jack Wagner (7), 4. 51T-Eddie Tafoya Jr. (6), 5. 41-Brad Wyatt (2), 6. 88-Chad Tye (8), 7. 26-Zach Clark (1), 8. 38-Kevin Frisbie (5). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 44-Wesley Smith (1), 2. 91-Riley Kreisel (2), 3. 11w-Wyatt Burks (6), 4. 2-Kyle Lewis (4), 5. 21m-Michael Moore (3), 6. 67-Jonathan Hughes (7), 7. 93-Junior Parkinson (8), 8. 27-Justin Johnson (5). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (2), 2. 74-Xavier Doney (3), 3. 65-Chris Parkinson (6), 4. 65w-Chad Winfrey (1), 5. 4-Braydon Cromwell (7), 6. 15E-Dakota Earls (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (4), 2. Jack Wagner (2), 3. Wesley Smith (6), 4. Riley Kreisel (9), 5. Xavier Doney (8), 6. Samuel Wagner (7), 7. Eddie Tafoya Jr. (10), 8. Chris Parkinson (5), 9. Zach Daum (1), 10. Kyle Lewis (12), 11. Zach Clark (20), 12. Jonathan Hughes (15), 13. Brad Wyatt (17), 14. Michael Moore (16), 15. Chad Tye (13), 16. Junior Parkinson (19), 17. Kevin Frisbie (21), 18. Justin Johnson (22), 19. Kory Schudy (3), 20. Chad Winfrey (14), 21. Braydon Cromwell (11), 22. Chad Goff (23). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 9-Cody Baker

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Braydon Cromwell-275, 2-Kory Schudy-260, 3-Wesley Smith-255, 4-Wyatt Burks-245, 5-Jack Wagner-240, 6-Brad Wyatt-235, 7-Chad Winfrey-220, 8-Cody Baker-215, 9-Chris Parkinson-210, 10-Samuel Wagner-200.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: May 5, 2023 – Humboldt Speedway – Humboldt, Kansas

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GOFF HUMBLIES THE FIELD AT HUMBOLDT

By: Ray Cunningham

Humboldt, Kansas (May 5, 2023).....At the track nicknamed “The Hummer,” Chad Goff hummed his own winning tune during Friday night’s 25-lap USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Association Sprint Car feature at Kansas’ Humboldt Speedway.

Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.) took his No. 9x to victory lane for the first time with the series since July of 2020. For Goff, his great night of racing started with a dominating performance in the first heat as he won by a large margin. That performance led to the veteran campaigner starting on the pole for the feature.

At the start of the A-Main, however, it was Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.), the second heat winner, who seized the lead from his outside front row starting spot. As the race progressed, Goff passed Wyatt for first and never relinquished it.

The Chad Goff Motorsports machine was not done as he had to survive not one, but two green-white-checker restarts after a battle between Parkinson and Burks, resulting in both cars colliding with Parkinson flipping down the straightaway and Burks’ ride ending up incapacitated between one and two after the veteran chauffeur took the white flag. Both walked away.

From there, Goff held off Cromwell and Hulsey during the first attempt to finish the race, which resulted in a Zach Clark spin, then endured a final restart to put himself into victory lane for the first time in nearly three seasons.

Goff was honoring the memory of his good friend, the late Scott Seaton, who perished after crashing in a winged pavement sprint car race exactly 17 years earlier at Michigan's Auto City Speedway. Goff attached a good luck charm (Elvis Stitch) to his roll cage for the night's events in Seaton's memory.

Braydon Cromwell of (Lone Jack, Mo.) took second in the BCR No. 4 with Ty Hulsey (Owasso, Okla.) third in the Risley No. 24H. Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) grabbed fourth in his own No. 21K while Chad Winfrey, (Gladstone, Mo.) rounded out the top-five behind the wheel of Chris Parkinson Racing's No. 65w.

Craig Carroll (Collinsville, Okla.), Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.), Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas), Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) and Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) completed the top-10.

Winfrey earned Hard Charger honors presented by the Midwest Wingless Racing Association after coming from 11th to 5th. Parkinson was awarded the Hard Luck Award presented by Xtreme Color. Tom Curran accepted the random draw money courtesy of Valor Racing.

The USAC Midwest Wingless Racing Association sprint cars will now head west to Park City, Kansas' 81 Speedway for the second half of this weekend's doubleheader on Saturday, May, 6, for the fourth time in the last four years at the South Central Kansas facility.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: May 5, 2023 – Humboldt Speedway – Humboldt, Kansas

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9x-Chad Goff (2), 2. 24H-Ty Hulsey (1), 3. 26-Zach Clark (3), 4. 21K-Kobe Simpson (6), 5. 24c-Craig Carroll (5), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 41-Brad Wyatt (2), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (4), 3. 4-Braydon Cromwell (1), 4. 11w-Wyatt Burks (3), 5. 2-Chad Frewaldt (5), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (6), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (7). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 11x-Tom Curran

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Chad Goff (1), 2. Braydon Cromwell (7), 3. Ty Hulsey (4), 4. Kobe Simpson (5), 5. Chad Winfrey (11), 6. Craig Carroll (10), 7. Zach Clark (6), 8. Junior Parkinson (12), 9. Wyatt Burks (8), 10. Chris Parkinson (3), 11. Brad Wyatt (2), 12. Chad Frewaldt (9), 13. Justin Johnson (13). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-5 Brad Wyatt, Laps 6-25 Chad Goff.

****Chris Parkinson flipped on lap 25 of the feature.**

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Braydon Cromwell-460, 2-Wyatt Burks-395, 3-Chad Winfrey-390, 4-Brad Wyatt-375, 5-Chris Parkinson-355, 6-Justin Johnson-315, 7-Chad Goff-275, 8-Kory Schudy-260, 9-Wesley Smith-255, 10-Jack Wagner-240.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: May 6, 2023 – 81 Speedway – Park City, Kansas

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HULSEY HAMMERS DOWN TO WIN BIG AT 81

By: Ray Cunningham

Park City, Kansas (May 6, 2023).....Ty Hulsey won his first ever USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car feature on Saturday night at 81 Speedway in Park City, Kan.

The 2021 USAC Wingless Sprints Oklahoma champion drove his Risley's Trash Service No. 24H to an impressive victory in the event. In fact, the Owasso, Okla. native's drive was so impressive in running away with the 25-lap feature event, his margin of victory was a whopping 12 seconds over his closest competitor!

Meanwhile, the battle for positions two through six were a dog fight with Kobe Simpson (Bonham, Texas) making a last corner pass on Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) to take home second after finishing fourth on Friday night at Humboldt (Kan.) Speedway in what was his first ever USAC MWRA feature start. For his efforts, Simpson collected the Xtreme Color farthest traveler award.

Wyatt, in his Valor Racing entry, was also impressive all weekend long, taking heat race wins on both Friday and Saturday night, and then capped it off with his first ever USAC MWRA podium result.

Local hero Jeremy Campbell (Wichita, Kan.) took off the wings to compete with USAC MWRA, advancing from ninth to fourth in JCM No 10c in the feature, and was honored as the feature's hard charger.

Hulsey's teammate, Craig Carroll (Collinsville, Okla.) rounded out the top-five in his RTS No. 24c.

Two-time USAC MWRA champ Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan) took sixth with Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) seventh and series point leader Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) eighth. Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) and Chad Frewaldt (Kansas City, Kan.) completed the top-10 at the south central Kansas dirt oval.

Eleventh place finisher Justin Johnson (Parkville, Mo.) pocketed an extra bit of contingency cash courtesy of Valor Racing.

The USAC MWRA Sprint Cars will next be in action at U.S. 36 Raceway in Osborn, Mo. on Friday night, May 26.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: May 6, 2023 – 81 Speedway – Park City, Kansas

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 41-Brad Wyatt (1), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (2), 3. 24H-Ty Hulsey (7), 4. 26-Zach Clark (4), 5. 10c-Jeremy Campbell (5), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (3), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (1), 2. 21K-Kobe Simpson (3), 3. 24c-Craig Carroll (5), 4. 4-Braydon Cromwell (6), 5. 2-Chad Frewaldt (2), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (4). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ty Hulsey (1), 2. Kobe Simpson (4), 3. Brad Wyatt (2), 4. Jeremy Campbell (9), 5. Craig Carroll (5), 6. Wyatt Burks (3), 7. Zach Clark (8), 8. Braydon Cromwell (7), 9. Chris Parkinson (6), 10. Chad Frewaldt (10), 11. Justin Johnson (13), 12. Junior Parkinson (11), 13. Chad Winfrey (12). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Ty Hulsey.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Braydon Cromwell-615, 2-Wyatt Burks-560, 3-Brad Wyatt-555, 4-Chad Winfrey-520, 5-Chris Parkinson-505, 6-Justin Johnson-455, 7-Zach Clark-395, 8-Junior Parkinson-365, 9-Chad Goff-275, 10-Kory Schudy-260.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: May 26, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

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BURKS HIGH SIDES TO VICTORY AT U.S. 36

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (May 26, 2023).....Defending USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car champion Wyatt Burks earned a hard fought victory in the series' 25-lap feature event on Friday night at Osborn, Missouri's U.S. 36 Raceway.

Burks (Topeka, Kan.) made his winning moves by passing Kory Schudy for second, then Ty Hulsey for first on the high side during a wild sequence of events following a restart for stalled leader Cody Baker with six laps to go.

When the dust settled on this one, Burks and his Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w collected their 12th all-time USAC MWRA feature win.

Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), in the Jon Sawyer Racing 28 was second. Riley Kreisel (Warsaw, Mo.), running the DKR Motorsports No. 91, came home third. Hulsey (Owasso, Okla.) wheeled the Risley Trash Service No. 24H to fourth while Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) grabbed fifth as the pilot of the Valor Racing No. 41.

Baker (Lone Jack, Mo.) made a mad dash to sixth after the restart, narrowly losing out to Wyatt for a top-five finish. Baker led the first 19 laps of the feature before his machine stalled in turn one.

Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) put in a solid outing to finish seventh. Point Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) raced his way to eighth. Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) rebounded from issues in his heat race to go last (23rd) to ninth to earn Hard Charger honors. Parkinson's teammate, Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) rounded out the top-10 in the feature, which was a co-sanctioned event with the Western Iowa Non-wing Sprint Cars (WINS).

Heat races were won by Hulsey, 2022 WINS champion Cam Schafer (Little Canada, Minn.) and Baker.

A.J. Gilbert (Tonganoxie, Kan.) and Kreisel pocketed Richmond Gear Contingency boxes.

On June 10, the USAC MWRA Sprint Car series returns to action to race for the first time ever at the Belleville High Banks Short Track located at the North Central Kansas Fairgrounds.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: May 26, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri – Co-Sanctioned by the Western Iowa Non-Wing Sprint Cars

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 24H-Ty Hulsey (3), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 3. 41-Brad Wyatt (4), 4. 6-Jake Kouba (6), 5. 88-Chad Tye (7), 6. 2H-Luke Howard (8), 7. 93-Junior Parkinson (5), 8. 65-Chris Parkinson (1). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 97s-Cam Schafer (2), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4), 3. 15E-Dakota Earls (5), 4. 4-Braydon Cromwell (6), 5. 26-Zach Clark (3), 6. 2-A.J. Gilbert (7), 7. 4T-Taylor Forbes (1). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (2), 2. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 3. 91-Riley Kreisel (3), 4. 9-Chad Goff (5), 5. 11B-Ben Woods (4), 6. 27-Justin Johnson (8), 7. 7-Clinton Bruns (7), 8. X-Jeff Pellersels (6). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: Craig Carroll, Tom Curran & Kevin Frisbie

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (6), 2. Kory Schudy (7), 3. Riley Kreisel (11), 4. Ty Hulsey (3), 5. Brad Wyatt (8), 6. Cody Baker (1), 7. Dakota Earls (5), 8. Braydon Cromwell (10), 9. Chris Parkinson (23), 10. Chad Winfrey (2), 11. Jake Kouba (9), 12. Ben Woods (15), 13. Zach Clark (17), 14. Chad Goff (12), 15. Luke Howard (14), 16. Chad Tye (13), 17. Cam Schafer (4), 18. A.J. Gilbert (16), 19. Justin Johnson (18), 20. Taylor Forbes (21), 21. Clinton Bruns (19), 22. Jeff Pellersels (22), 23. Junior Parkinson (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-19 Cody Baker, Lap 20 Ty Hulsey, Laps 21-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Braydon Cromwell-770, 2-Wyatt Burks-760, 3-Brad Wyatt-725, 4-Chad Winfrey-665, 5-Chris Parkinson-655, 6-Justin Johnson-555, 7-Zach Clark-525, 8-Junior Parkinson-445, 9-Kory Schudy-445, 10-Chad Goff-400.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENT RACE: June 2-3, 2023 – Knoxville Raceway – Knoxville, Iowa – Avanti Windows & Doors Corn Belt Clash – Co-Sanctioned by the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars

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BURKS STORMS TO USAC MWRA VICTORY AT LAKESIDE

By: Ray Cunningham

Kansas City, Kansas (June 16, 2023).....On Friday night at Kansas City, Kansas' Lakeside Speedway, Wyatt Burks of Topeka, Kan. took his third victory of the season with the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car in dominating fashion.

The Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w was on point all night long as "The Sheriff" was number one in passing points after the heat races, but rolled a (2), putting him on the inside of the second row for the feature.

On lap seven, Burks blasted into first place and led to the finish, besting second place Dakota Earls by 4.709 seconds as he lapped up to third by the race's end in the 25-lapper that went green from start to finish.

Runner-up finisher Earls (Independence, Mo.) and Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) grabbed the final spot on the podium while Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) took fourth following a battle with Chris Parkinson (Gladstone Mo.) who came home fifth.

Earls had his finest night ever with the USAC MWRA series as he won the first heat race and followed that up by leading early in the feature before being passed by Burks to finish a career best second place.

Meanwhile, Cromwell fought his way to another podium after starting seventh in the 25-lap feature while Howard finished fourth after earlier winning heat race two.

The second half of the top-10 on this night was led by Chad Goff who finished sixth in the Lewis Racing No. 2x with Bonham, Texas chauffeur Kobe Simpson earning hard charger honors after driving from 13th to seventh in the A-Main.

Brad Wyatt followed in eighth with Chad Winfrey ninth and Warren Johnson in a Rick Smith-owned machine rounding out the top-10.

Chad Tye was rewarded with the Valor Racing bonus and Tom Curran received the Hard Luck award courtesy of Xtreme Color.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: June 16, 2023 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 15E-Dakota Earls (2), 2. 2x-Chad Goff (3), 3. 2G-A.J. Gilbert (1), 4. 88-Chad Tye (7), 5. 41-Brad Wyatt (6), 6. 27J-Justin Johnson (5), 7. 93-Junior Parkinson (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 2H-Luke Howard (2), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (1), 3. 11w-Wyatt Burks (7), 4. 4-Braydon Cromwell (5), 5. 11x-Tom Curran (3), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4), 7. 21K-Kobe Simpson (6), 8. 90-Warren Johnson (8). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 9H-Cody Baker

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (3), 2. Dakota Earls (4), 3. Braydon Cromwell (7), 4. Luke Howard (1), 5. Chris Parkinson (6), 6. Chad Goff (2), 7. Kobe Simpson (13), 8. Brad Wyatt (9), 9. Chad Winfrey (12), 10. Warren Johnson (15), 11. Chad Tye (5), 12. A.J. Gilbert (8), 13. Justin Johnson (11), 14. Junior Parkinson (14), 15. Tom Curran (10). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Luke Howard, Laps 3-6 Dakota Earls, Laps 7-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-960, 2-Braydon Cromwell-950, 3-Brad Wyatt-880, 4-Chris Parkinson-825, 5-Chad Winfrey-815, 6-Justin Johnson-685, 7-Junior Parkinson-570, 8-Chad Goff-565, 9-Zach Clark-525, 10-Kobe Simpson-520.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: June 17, 2023 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

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MOTHER NATURE STORMS TO MWRA VICTORY AT I-35

Winston, Missouri (June 17, 2023).....Mother Nature stormed to victory during Saturday's USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association event at Winston, Missouri's I-35 Speedway.

A pop-up thunderstorm with the potential of 60 mph winds and golf ball-sized hail forced cancellation of the event.

Twelve cars and drivers were on hand at I-35. Each licensed driver with the series received 30 "show-up" points toward the championship standings.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: June 17, 2023 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

DRIVERS IN ATTENDANCE: (13) 2L-Warren Johnson, 4-Braydon Cromwell, 11w-Wyatt Burks, 15E-Dakota Earls, 21K-Kobe Simpson, 27J-Justin Johnson, 41-Brad Wyatt, 65-Chris Parkinson, 65w-Chad Winfrey, 67-Jonathan Hughes, 69-Zach Sanders, 88-Chad Tye & 93-Junior Parkinson.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-990, 2-Braydon Cromwell-980, 3-Brad Wyatt-910, 4-Chris Parkinson-855, 5-Chad Winfrey-845, 6-Justin Johnson-715, 7-Junior Parkinson-600, 8-Chad Goff-565, 9-Kobe Simpson-550, 10-Dakota Earls-550.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: June 24, 2023 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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SCHUDY SIZZLES IN MWRA GO AT VALLEY

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (June 24, 2023).....Kory Schudy and his Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28 raced to their first USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars feature of the season on Saturday night at Missouri's Valley Speedway.

The Battlefield, Mo. chauffeur was the class of the 24-car field, charging from his third starting position and taking over the lead five laps into the contest from Quinton Benson who led the first four of the 25-lapper.

At the start, a five-car pileup resulted as the field came out of turn four with Collinsville, Okla. driver Craig Carroll flipping over in his Risley Trash Service No. 24c. Carroll was fine, and all five cars were able to restart.

Quinton Benson of Sweet Springs, Mo. led early as a freight train at the bottom developed with only a few drivers attempting to run the top. Benson eventually slipped out of the groove just a little, and was passed for the lead by Schudy, a position he would never relinquish.

Series point leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) was the next to pass Benson for second as it appeared this race would finish with all three on the podium.

However, a restart with five laps to go proved to be a race changing moment for 12th running Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo). Smith had broken a right front shock earlier during the pace laps and was mired in traffic for most of the feature but never gave up racing on the high side.

During the final five laps, Smith thrilled the almost capacity crowd by driving on the rim of the track, and on multiple occasions, bounced out of a hole that had developed coming out of the fourth turn as he passed a total of nine cars, including Benson at the finish line, to come home third behind winner Schudy.

Burks finished as the runner-up while Benson and Gladstone, Missouri racer Chad Winfrey rounded out the top-five. Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) took sixth after a very good battle with his teammate Winfrey for most of the race. Owasso, Okla. gasman Ty Hulsey scored seventh with Warren Johnson (Overland Park, Kan.) eighth, Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) ninth and Braydon Cromwell (Lone Jack, Mo.) 10th.

Heat races provided some excellent action earlier in the program with Cody Baker taking the first heat over Benson. Burks bested Cromwell in the second heat race and Schudy made a spectacular move to pass five cars on the opening lap to win heat race number three over Dakota Earls.

Post-race honors included the MWRA Hard Charger award, which went to Johnson after passing 12 cars during his run from 20th to 8th. Wyatt took home the Sportsmanship award courtesy of Xtreme Color after assisting another driver who had wrecked during heat race action.

USAC MWRA will next be in action on July 21 at U.S. 36 Raceway in Osborn, Mo.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: June 24, 2023 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 9H-Cody Baker (1), 2. 15B-Quinton Benson (4), 3. 2-Brian Beebe (6), 4. 26-Zach Clark (7), 5. 41-Brad Wyatt (3), 6. 33-Bryson Smith (5), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (8), 8. 93-Junior Parkinson (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (1), 2. 4-Braydon Cromwell (5), 3. 65-Chris Parkinson (3), 4. 24H-Ty Hulsey (2), 5. 74-Xavier Doney (7), 6. 65W-Chad Winfrey (8), 7. 90-Warren Johnson (6), 8. 88-Chad Tye (4). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (6), 2. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 3. 69-Zach Sanders (4), 4. 44-Wesley Smith (5), 5. 24c-Craig Carroll (2), 6. 11x-Tom Curran (3), 7. 2H-Luke Howard (8), 8. 21m-Michael Moore (7).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kory Schudy (3), 2. Wyatt Burks (5), 3. Wesley Smith (10), 4. Quinton Benson (1), 5. Chad Winfrey (13), 6. Chris Parkinson (9), 7. Ty Hulsey (12), 8. Warren Johnson (20), 9. Brad Wyatt (14), 10. Braydon Cromwell (4), 11. Craig Carroll (15), 12. Zach Clark (11), 13. Brian Beebe (2), 14. Zach Sanders (8), 15. Dakota Earls (7), 16. Luke Howard (17), 17. Michael Moore (21), 18. Bryson Smith (16), 19. Junior Parkinson (23), 20. Chad Tye (22), 21. Justin Johnson (19), 22. Cody Baker (6), 23. Tom Curran (18), 24. Xavier Doney (24). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-4 Quinton Benson, Laps 5-25 Kory Schudy.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1175, 2-Braydon Cromwell-1125, 3-Brad Wyatt-1060, 4-Chris Parkinson-1020, 5-Chad Winfrey-1015, 6-Justin Johnson-805, 7-Junior Parkinson-700, 8-Dakota Earls-670, 9-Zach Clark-660, 10-Kory Schudy-645.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: July 28, 2023 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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SCHUDY STREAKS TO VICTORY AT US 36

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (July 21, 2023).....Kory Schudy of Battlefield, Mo. streaked to victory on Friday at Osborn, Missouri's U.S. 36 Raceway for his second straight win with the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars in 2023.

The 2021 MWRA champion, running the Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28, led from start to finish to record his sixth career series win.

Point Leader Wyatt Burks of Topeka, Kan. came home in second place on this evening, trying valiantly to catch Schudy throughout the 25-lapper at the wheel of the Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w.

Nixa, Mo. chauffeur Wesley Smith hopped into the Lewis Racing No. 2 for the first time ever to complete the podium in third place.

Meanwhile, Overland Park, Kan. wheelman Luke Howard, driving the Howard No. 2H finished fourth and Kearney, Missouri's Brad Wyatt collected fifth in the Valor Racing No. 41 after racing from his 13th starting position.

Rounding out the top-10 were Chris Parkinson from (Gladstone, Mo.) sixth, Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) seventh, Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) eighth, Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) ninth and Jason Billups (Holt, Mo.) 10th.

The performance of the night went to Earls, a recent high school graduate, who navigated his way to seventh after starting dead last in 16th at the wheel of the Dakota Earls Racing No. 15E. Beforehand on pit row the setup for Earls was described as, "Throwing the kitchen sink at it" after an abysmal heat race go. But ended with Dakota earning the Hard Charger award after his run in the feature.

Earlier in the evening Schudy and Burks duked it out in the first heat race in a spirited go with Schudy holding on for the win, while taking high point honors, leading to a start on the pole after rolling a zero on the invert. While (Warsaw, Mo) racer Riley Kreisel would win the second heat race going away over Clark.

The Wholesale Batteries USAC MWRA sprints will next be in action this coming Friday at Electric City Raceway, in (Butler, Mo) for the second time this season on July 28th. And then the next night on July 29th at Nevada Speedway in (Nevada, Mo) for the first and only time in 2023.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: July 21, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (3), 2. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 3. 9H-Cody Baker (1), 4. 65-Chris Parkinson (6), 5. 88-Chad Tye (7), 6. 87-Jason Billups (8), 7. 57-Junior Parkinson (4), 8. 15E-Dakota Earls (2). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 91-Riley Kreisel (2), 2. 26-Zach Clark (3), 3. 2H-Luke Howard (5), 4. 2-Wesley Smith (6), 5. 11x-Tom Curran (1), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (4), 7. 41-Brad Wyatt (7), 8. 27J-Justin Johnson (8). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kory Schudy (1), 2. Wyatt Burks (2), 3. Wesley Smith (7), 4. Luke Howard (5), 5. Brad Wyatt (13), 6. Chris Parkinson (6), 7. Dakota Earls (16), 8. Zach Clark (4), 9. Chad Winfrey (12), 10. Jason Billups (10), 11. Chad Tye (9), 12. Justin Johnson (15), 13. Junior Parkinson (14), 14. Riley Kreisel (3), 15. Tom Curran (11), 16. Cody Baker (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Kory Schudy.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1360, 2-Brad Wyatt-1230, 3-Chris Parkinson-1185, 4-Chad Winfrey-1165, 5-Braydon Cromwell-1125, 6-Justin Johnson-940, 7-Kory Schudy-845, 8-Dakota Earls-830, 9-Junior Parkinson-830, 10-Zach Clark-815.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: July 28, 2023 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

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SCHUDY STAYS HOT WITH 3RD STRAIGHT USAC MWRA WIN

By: Ray Cunningham

Butler, Missouri (July 28, 2023)..... Kory Schudy picked up his third victory in a row with the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association on Friday night at Electric City Speedway in Butler, Mo.

The victory for Schudy and his Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28 wasn't without its challenges. First, after winning his heat race to earn high point honors, the Battlefield, Missouri racer rolled a (3), sending him to the third row instead of the first.

From there, a problem with the motor was also a concern as Kory told his brother and chief mechanic, Kris Schudy, "We better hook it up then."

They did, leading to another great performance by the racers from southern Missouri who won their seventh all-time feature with MWRA.

Raymore, Mo. chauffeur Zach Clark in the ZCR No. 26, Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo) in the Chris Parkinson Racing No. 65w, Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo), wheeling the Lewis Racing No. 2 and Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo) in his own straight No. 65 rounded out the top-five.

The top-five on this night survived a day of sweltering heat and wind that pummeled the heartland but left a racing surface for most of the feature that allowed racing in multiple grooves.

Schudy utilized this situation to his full advantage, passing cars both high and low before a crossover move on leader Winfrey gave him the lead, and subsequently, the win.

For second place Zach Clark, his night was also mired by issues going into the 25-lap feature after his car suffered mechanical problems with the steering in his heat race. Clark and the team got that issue fixed, and then meticulously worked his way from his eighth starting spot to second place, earning his best finish ever with the series in addition to the MWRA Hard Charger Award.

2022 MWRA Rookie of the Year Chad Winfrey drove a masterful race for the first half of the main event and looked like he might pick up his first win with the series before being passed by first Schudy, and then Clark to finish third. His podium finish also represented his best result in 2023 so far.

Wesley Smith appeared to be destined for at least his fifth straight podium finish with the series this season before hitting the wall while running third. This incident severely damaged the Jacob's Ladder on the Lewis Deuce, relegating Smith to fourth place after winning the second heat race earlier.

Fifth place Chris Parkinson sustained damage to the front end of his race car while trying to avoid another competitor who spun at the start of the first heat race, sending him to the pits. Trey Biggs and crew were able to fix the damage in time for the A-Main.

The second half of the top-10 at ECS also included drivers and teams fighting through adversity on Friday night. Point leader Wyatt Burks had an engine problem after hot laps and missed his heat race while his father, Jeff Burks, and the crew on the WBR No. 11w thrashed to change engines before Burks came from the last row to finish a respectable sixth place.

Dakota Earls took home seventh, while Junior Parkinson, in the Weld-Parkinson sprinter, tied his best run of 2023 with another eighth-place result. Luke Howard ran ninth and Brad Wyatt survived both a flat tire, and later, a spin to round out the top-10.

A great show of sportsmanship from the Lewis team and others was also on display Friday as they banded together to help Iowa's Lance Silvers (traveling alone) into the A feature to finish 11th after he made contact with the front stretch wall during the first heat race.

USAC WHOLESale BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: July 28, 2023 – Electric City Speedway – Butler, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (4), 2. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 3. 93-Junior Parkinson (5), 4. 26-Zach Clark (2), 5. 65-Chris Parkinson (3), 6. 7x-Lance Silvers (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 2-Wesley Smith (2), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (1), 3. 41-Brad Wyatt (3), 4. 2H-Luke Howard (4), 5. 27J-Justin Johnson (5).

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Kory Schudy (5), 2. Zach Clark (8), 3. Chad Winfrey (4), 4. Wesley Smith (6), 5. Chris Parkinson (10), 6. 11w-Wyatt Burks (11), 7. Dakota Earls (1), 8. Junior Parkinson (3), 9. Luke Howard (7), 10. Brad Wyatt (2), 11. Lance Silvers (12), 12. Justin Johnson (9). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-14 Chad Winfrey, Laps 15-25 Kory Schudy.

USAC WHOLESale BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1525, 2-Brad Wyatt-1375, 3-Chris Parkinson-1355, 4-Chad Winfrey-1345, 5-Braydon Cromwell-1125, 6-Justin Johnson-1075, 7-Kory Schudy-1045, 8-Zach Clark-1000, 9-Dakota Earls-990, 10-Junior Parkinson-985.

NEXT USAC WHOLESale BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: July 29, 2023 – Nevada Speedway – Nevada, Missouri

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SMITH STOPS SCHUDY'S MWRA WIN STREAK AT NEVADA

By: Ray Cunningham

Nevada, Missouri (July 29, 2023).....Wesley Smith of Nixa, Mo. took advantage of a late race bobble to grab his first victory of the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car season on Saturday night at Missouri's Nevada Speedway.

Kory Schudy, who entered the race on a three-race series winning streak, grabbed the lead from the start and screamed around the Nevada short track while riding the rim. Smith came from the second row to take over second and Burks settled into third after starting fifth.

Schudy was flying high in his Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28 and appeared to be well on his way to his fourth win in a row, a feat only accomplished once before in MWRA history when "The Sheriff" Burks won four-in-a-row aboard the Don Rumsey No. 11w on his way to the 2020 title.

Second running Smith also looked destined to finish on the podium for the fifth time in six starts in 2023, with no victories up to this point. It's a place that Smith, a previous winner of eight points-paying races with the MWRA in three seasons, wasn't accustomed to.

But then the slightest of mistakes occurred, changing the fate of both drivers on this night. Coming out of the second turn, Schudy went over the edge of the cushion, and by the time he corrected, Smith and his WSR Racing No. 44 had blasted by for the lead and subsequently the win at the end of the 25-lap finale.

Afterwards, a jubilant Smith celebrated by spinning donuts in the first turn after winning for the second year in a row at Nevada, and his ninth points paying feature victory with the MWRA. Dakota Earls advanced from 11th to seventh to earn the MWRA Hard Charger Award.

Earlier in the evening, a short rainstorm blew through the southwestern Missouri facility, dropping the temperature from a blistering hot 100 to a nice and cozy summer evening that brought out a big crowd and helped juice up the track.

That was evident in the heat races when Wyatt Burks came from sixth to first in heat race number one to earn high point honors while Chris Parkinson passed five cars in his drive from eighth to third. Kory Schudy won the second heat from the pole for his sixth heat win this season, followed by Smith who advanced three spots to second from fifth. Meanwhile, Luke Howard raced to third after starting sixth.

For the second night in a row, the high point man (this time Burks) rolled a three for the invert, sending him to the third row. That, in turn, sent a red-hot Schudy to the pole for the 25-lapper.

At the checkered flag Battlefield, Mo. wheelman Kory Schudy finished second with Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) third, Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) fourth and Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) fifth.

Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) grabbed sixth, Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) seventh, Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) eighth, Bryson Smith (Nixa, Mo.) ninth and Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) 10th.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: July 29, 2023 – Nevada Speedway – Nevada, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (6), 2. 65w-Chad Winfrey (2), 3. 65-Chris Parkinson (8), 4. 41-Brad Wyatt (5), 5. 21m-Michael Moore (7), 6. 15E-Dakota Earls (3), 7. 57-Junior Parkinson (4), 8. 27J-Justin Johnson (1). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 2. 12-Wesley Smith (5), 3. 2H-Luke Howard (6), 4. 26-Zach Clark (3), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (2), 6. 7x-Lance Silvers (7), 7. 33-Bryson Smith (4). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wesley Smith (3), 2. Kory Schudy (1), 3. Wyatt Burks (5), 4. Luke Howard (4), 5. Chris Parkinson (6), 6. Chad Winfrey (2), 7. Dakota Earls (11), 8. Junior Parkinson (12), 9. Bryson Smith (13), 10. Brad Wyatt (7), 11. Zach Clark (9), 12. Justin Johnson (14), 13. Lance Silvers (15), 14. Garrett Hulsey (10), 15. Michael Moore (8). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-22 Kory Schudy, Laps 23-25 Wesley Smith.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1705, 2-Chris Parkinson-1525, 3-Brad Wyatt-1520, 4-Chad Winfrey-1510, 5-Kory Schudy-1230, 6-Justin Johnson-1210, 7-Dakota Earls-1150, 8-Zach Clark-1140, 9-Junior Parkinson-1140, 10-Braydon Cromwell-1125.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: August 18, 2023 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas – Weld Memorial

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BURKS BATTLES TO 3RD WELD MEMORIAL WIN AT LAKESIDE

By: Ray Cunningham

Kansas City, Kansas (August 18, 2023).....Wyatt Burks battled his way to a hard fought victory during Friday night's USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car Weld Memorial at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.

The series point leader from Topeka, Kansas drove his Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w to his fourth victory of the season while extending his point lead to a commanding 250 markers over Chad Winfrey.

Burks got the jump early in the 25-lap main event over Xavier Doney (Odessa, Mo.) who fresh off a top-five run during USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint week Presented By Honest Abe Roofing at Circle City Racing in his new Lawson/Schnee chassis.

Through traffic and a crucial restart, Burks was never able to put him away, but as the feature was coming to an end, Doney made a gallant attempt to take the lead in the last two corners. However, Burks held him off coming out of turn four and down the stretch to win his third Weld Memorial in the last four years.

For "The Sheriff," the win was worth \$2,500 after Lakeside Speedway added another \$500 to the winner's share of the purse.

Doney from, running the Doney-Lawson Racing No. 74 took second with Jack Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) turning the wheels in the JHR No. 77 to third. Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) grabbed fourth in his LHR No. 2H while Riley Kreisel (Warsaw, Mo.) chauffeured the DKR No. 91 to fifth.

For the second year in a row, Jack Wagner charged to a podium finish after a not-so-stellar heat race. He came home third after starting 12th to earn Hard Charger honors for his efforts.

Finishing fourth on the evening for the second straight race, "Cool Hand" Luke Howard had an eventful evening as well, which saw him twice having to come from seventh place to second in his heat race. This situation occurred after his mount jumped out of gear just two laps into the race. Furthermore, a sensational start was foiled after he advanced five positions. On the restart, after going back to seventh once again, Howard steadily worked his way up to second for good to earn high point honors for the evening while fifth place finisher Kreisel won the second heat race over Howard.

Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.), driving the Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28 was scored sixth after running the bottom in the feature to advance from his eighth starting spot up to third place at one point before the lower groove went away, thus snapping his podium streak at five straight races with MWRA when he faded to sixth.

Rounding out the top ten were Samuel Wagner who was seventh in the JHR No. 73. Dakota Earls, aboard the DER No. 15E took eighth. Kyle Lewis grabbed ninth behind the wheel of the KLR No. 2. Chad Winfrey moved up two spots in the season long point standings after finishing 10th in the Chris Parkinson Racing No. 65w.

Earlier in the evening, Samuel Wagner and Burks joined Kreisel as heat race winners. Max Grogan collected the Xtreme Color Hard Luck award.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: August 18, 2023 – Lakeside Speedway – Kansas City, Kansas – Weld Memorial

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 73-Samuel Wagner (1), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (4), 3. 2-Kyle Lewis (3), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (6), 5. 21m-Michael Moore (2), 6. 11x-Tom Curran (7), 7. 03-Tyler Burton (5). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 91-Riley Kreisel (1), 2. 2H-Luke Howard (6), 3. 26-Zach Clark (4), 4. 65w-Chad Winfrey (5), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (2), 6. 27J-Justin Johnson (3), 7. 7x-Lance Silvers (7). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 74-Xavier Doney (5), 3. 77-Jack Wagner (1), 4. 28-Kory Schudy (6), 5. 9x-Chad Goff (3), 6. 41-Brad Wyatt (4), 7. 57-Junior Parkinson (7). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 66m-Max Grogan

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (1), 2. Xavier Doney (2), 3. Jack Wagner (12), 4. Luke Howard (3), 5. Riley Kreisel (4), 6. Kory Schudy (8), 7. Samuel Wagner (6), 8. Dakota Earls (9), 9. Kyle Lewis (10), 10. Chad Winfrey (11), 11. Zach Clark (7), 12. Chad Goff (14), 13. Chris Parkinson (5), 14. Justin Johnson (17), 15. Junior Parkinson (19), 16. Lance Silvers (18), 17. Brad Wyatt (16), 18. Garrett Hulsey (15), 19. Tom Curran (13), 20. Tyler Burton (20). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Wyatt Burks, Lap 3 Xavier Doney, Laps 4-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-1905, 2-Chad Winfrey-1655, 3-Chris Parkinson-1655, 4-Brad Wyatt-1630, 5-Kory Schudy-1395, 6-Justin Johnson-1335, 7-Dakota Earls-1305, 8-Zach Clark-1280, 9-Junior Parkinson-1260, 10-Braydon Cromwell-1125.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: September 1, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

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BURKS WINS WILD SHOOTOUT AT U.S. 36

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (September 1, 2023).....“The Sheriff” Wyatt Burks survived a wild shootout with rival Kory Schudy on Friday night as the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars took on Osbron, Missouri’s U.S. 36 Raceway.

This was the third time the series raced at the northwest Missouri speed plant in 2023 and again, the battle came down this year’s two previous U.S. 36 winners. Capital city racer Burks (Topeka, Kan.) drove his Wyatt Burks Racing No. 11w to

victory in May. Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) took the win at U.S. 36 in July behind the wheel of the Jon Sawyer Racing (JSR) No. 28.

For the third round on Friday night, Schudy won the first heat race from his fifth starting spot to earn honors as the highest points driver of the evening. Burks countered as he drove his way to victory in heat race two to lock down second place in points following heat race action.

After Schudy rolled a zero for the invert, both drivers were slated to start on the front row for the 25-lap main event, and the stage was set for an epic showdown.

During the first half of the race, Schudy set the pace in the feature followed by Burks, Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo.) in the John Helm No. 12, Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) aboard the LHR No. 2H and Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) turning the wheel of the CHR 65 inside the top-five.

Burks eventually caught Schudy in traffic to take the lead for the first time. Shortly after, third running Smith lost the right-side panel on his car between turns three and four, bringing out the only yellow flag of the race.

On the restart, and over the final laps of the race, Burks and Schudy exchanged the lead several times, racing high and low on the high banks of U.S. 36. Finally, on the 24th lap, Burks had just enough breathing room to get the win over Schudy, followed by Smith in third and Parkinson in fourth after passing Howard who ended up fifth.

Positions sixth through 10 at U.S. 36 included "Birthday Boy" Dakota Earls of Independence, Mo. coming home sixth with Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) taking seventh. Chad Tye (Independence, Mo.) returned to action after a layoff to place eighth. Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) advanced six spots in the feature to finish ninth and also collected the Hard Charger award. Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) came home in the 10th spot.

Ottumwa, Iowa racer Lance Silvers was the recipient of the Xtreme Color Hard Luck award.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 1, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (5), 2. 26-Zach Clark (2), 3. 11x-Tom Curran (3), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (1), 5. 65-Chris Parkinson (7), 6. 2L-Warren Johnson (4), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (6), 8. 65w-Chad Winfrey (8). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 12-Wesley Smith (1), 3. 2H-Luke Howard (4), 4. 88-Chad Tye (6), 5. 41-Brad Wyatt (3), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (5), 7. 7x-Lance Silvers (7). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (2), 2. Kory Schudy (1), 3. Wesley Smith (4), 4. Chris Parkinson (8), 5. Luke Howard (5), 6. Dakota Earls (9), 7. Zach Clark (3), 8. Chad Tye (6), 9. Chad Winfrey (15), 10. Brad Wyatt (10), 11. Warren Johnson (12), 12. Justin Johnson (14), 13. Junior Parkinson (11), 14. Lance Silvers (13), 15. Tom Curran (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-15 Kory Schudy, Laps 16-19 Wyatt Burks, Lap 20 Kory Schudy, Laps 21-22 Wyatt Burks, Lap 23 Kory Schudy, Laps 24-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2105, 2-Chris Parkinson-1830, 3-Chad Winfrey-1805, 4-Brad Wyatt-1775, 5-Kory Schudy-1580, 6-Dakota Earls-1470, 7-Justin Johnson-1470, 8-Zach Clark-1440, 9-Junior Parkinson-1390, 10-Luke Howard-1255.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: September 2, 2023 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

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3-IN-A-ROW FOR BURKS AT I-35

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (September 2, 2023).....Wyatt Burks captured his third consecutive USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car victory of the season on Saturday night at Winston, Missouri's I-35 Speedway.

For Burks (Topeka, Kan.), it was his sixth overall feature win of the year after grabbing the lead from Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) following a second lap restart and then methodically worked through lapped traffic on his way to a series-leading 16th all-time win.

Although the path for Burks to victory appeared to be easy at times, the competition behind the winner turned into a fierce battle among the rest of the contenders running for positions second through 10th.

All that action, however, followed the wildest moment of the night when the field barreled down the straightaway to complete the first lap of the feature, resulting in a multi-car accident that incapacitated the machines of Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) and Independence, Mo. chauffeur Chad Tye. Both Chads were okay after the altercation, but their cars were not, with both leaving the track on the hook.

Once Burks took the lead for good, a dog fight ensued behind him for second, third and fourth with Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) wrestling away second place after passing both third place finisher Clark and fourth place Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) on his way to his best finish so far in 2023.

Behind then, Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) raced to fifth followed by Hard Charger recipient Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) who advanced four positions from 10th to sixth, which for Parker, paid him a \$100 bonus as well as an additional bonus of \$100 from title sponsor Wholesale Batteries, Inc. en route to a career best finish with the MWRA.

Rounding out the top-10 were A.J. Gilbert (Tonganoxie, Kan.) with a season-best finish of seventh. Ben Woods (Newton, Iowa) came home eighth and the Johnsons (no relation) Justin Johnson (Parkville, Mo.) finished ninth with Warren Johnson 10th.

The finish for "JJ" Justin Johnson was also significant as it was his first top-10 finish with the MWRA and came after he battled very hard with Parker and others in the 25-lap feature. Show Me State racer Tye also received the Hard Luck award courtesy of Xtreme Color.

Earlier in the evening, Burks won his sixth heat race with the MWRA in 2023 while Parkinson took his first heat win with the series this season.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 2, 2023 – I-35 Speedway – Winston, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (4), 2. 2H-Luke Howard (6), 3. 11B-Ben Woods (2), 4. 65w-Chad Winfrey (7), 5. 2G-A.J. Gilbert (5), 6. 27J-Justin Johnson (1). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 65-Chris Parkinson (1), 2. 26-Zachary Clark (6), 3. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 4. 2L-Warren Johnson (2), 5. 93-Junior Parkinson (3), 6. 88-Chad Tye (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wyatt Burks (3), 2. Luke Howard (4), 3. Zach Clark (1), 4. Chris Parkinson (2), 5. Dakota Earls (6), 6. Junior Parkinson (10), 7. A.J. Gilbert (9), 8. Ben Woods (7), 9. Justin Johnson (12), 10. Warren Johnson (8), 11. 7x-Lance Silvers (13), 12. Chad Tye (11), 13. Chad Winfrey (5). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Lap 1 Zach Clark, Laps 2-25 Wyatt Burks.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2305, 2-Chris Parkinson-2005, 3-Chad Winfrey-1935, 4-Brad Wyatt-1775, 5-Dakota Earls-1640, 6-Zach Clark-1620, 7-Justin Johnson-1620, 8-Kory Schudy-1580, 9-Junior Parkinson-1555, 10-Luke Howard-1440.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: September 3, 2023 – Bethany Speedway – Bethany, Missouri

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COOL AS A CUCUMBER: HOWARD WINS AT BETHANY

By: Ray Cunningham

Bethany, Missouri (September 3, 2023).....The driver nicknamed “Cool Hand Luke” lived up to that moniker by holding his ground and position on Sunday night at Missouri’s Bethany Fairgrounds Speedway.

Luke Howard (Overland Park, Kan.) led from start to finish in the 25-lap feature event, and in doing so, snapped the three-race win streak of race-long pursuer Wyatt Burks in USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car competition.

Howard survived a wild and wacky night of racing which featured a wreck during the four abreast pace lap that knocked out teammate Warren Johnson (Overland Park, Kan.) who, as a result, received the Xtreme Color Hard Luck” Award.

Separate incidents eliminated pole sitter A.J. Johnson (Oskaloosa, Iowa) as he came down to take the green flag for the start of the feature as well as fifth starting Zach Clark (Raymore, Mo.) before a lap had even been completed.

This re-stacked the field, moving Howard to the point behind the wheel of the LHR No. 2H wrenched by Brent Lewis. As the field settled into the feature, Howard rode the rim to perfection. Behind him, positions throughout the field were shuffling back-and-forth between several drivers, including Burks (Topeka, Kan.) who was slowly reeling in Howard after driving from fifth to second in the WBR No. 11w.

The Sheriff, Burks, and his trusty mount wrenched by his father, Jeff Burks, had won the two previous nights of MWRA action and were looking for more as he zeroed in on Howard with five laps to go.

In front of Howard, danger loomed ahead as a potential lapped car was in the groove, and a technical track made it difficult for him to pass, putting Burks right on his bumper. Howard, however, remained cool and calm to hold onto the lead and the win driving under Drake Barker’s checkered flag to win his first feature of 2023 with the MWRA and his fourth all-time with the series.

Following this duo to the checkered flag were Ben Woods (Newton, Iowa) in third while Hard Charger Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) advanced six positions from 10th to fourth and Brad Wyatt (Kearney, Mo.) completed the top-five.

Drivers making a run to a top-10 finish on Sunday night at Bethany included Dakota Earls (Independence, Mo.) sixth as Chad Winfrey (Gladstone, Mo.) raced from 13th to 7th. Doug Sylvester (Ottumwa, Iowa) took eighth while Garrett Hulsey (Lone Jack, Mo.) scored ninth after also advancing six positions from 15th. Junior Parkinson (Wichita Falls, Texas) came home 10th.

During heat race action, Burks won his seventh heat race of the year in 14 starts and Iowa’s A.J. Johnson collected his first ever heat win with the MWRA.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 3, 2023 – Bethany Speedway – Bethany, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (2), 2. 26-Zach Clark (1), 3. 2H-Luke Howard (7), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (4), 5. 65-Chris Parkinson (5), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (3), 7. 12-Doug Sylvester (8), 8. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 93-A.J. Johnson (1), 2. 21m-Michael Moore (2), 3. 2L-Warren Johnson (3), 4. 11B-Ben Woods (6), 5. 93p-Junior Parkinson (4), 6. 41-Brad Wyatt (8), 7. 27J-Justin Johnson (7), 8. 7x-Lance Silvers (5). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Luke Howard (3), 2. Wyatt Burks (4), 3. Ben Woods (6), 4. Chris Parkinson (10), 5. Brad Wyatt (9), 6. Dakota Earls (8), 7. Chad Winfrey (13), 8. Doug Sylvester (12), 9. Garrett Hulsey (15), 10. Junior Parkinson (11), 11. Justin Johnson (14), 12. Lance Silvers (16), 13. Michael Moore (2), 14. A.J. Johnson (1), 15. Zach Clark (5), 16. Warren Johnson (7). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Luke Howard.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2490, 2-Chris Parkinson-2180, 3-Chad Winfrey-2095, 4-Brad Wyatt-1945, 5-Dakota Earls-1805, 6-Justin Johnson-1760, 7-Zach Clark-1740, 8-Junior Parkinson-1700, 9-Luke Howard-1640, 10-Kory Schudy-1580.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: September 9, 2023 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri

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LEWIS LOOTS HELM MEMORIAL FOR WIN #13

By: Ray Cunningham

Grain Valley, Missouri (September 9, 2023).....Everything was lined up perfectly for Ricky Lewis to score his 13th feature win of the 2023 non-winged sprint car season during Saturday night's Helm Memorial for the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association at Missouri's Valley Speedway.

The Camarillo, Calif. wheelman was fast all night and the early results showed just that. Lewis, who has raced out of Indiana this summer, ran second in his heat after starting seventh to earn high point honors going into the redraw. After starting on the outside of the front row, he grabbed the lead early to win his first ever series feature event.

The race for the win on this night, however, wasn't easy for Lewis or any other driver running in the 24-car field at the sixth annual event in honor of the "Colonel" John E. Helm. Lewis had to survive, among other issues, a stacked field, a technical track, point leader Wyatt Burks and a smoking issue that developed during the race as well as multiple restarts and a green, white, checker finish that led to Lewis pocketing \$2,500 for his victory. Out of the grand total, \$1,500 came courtesy of Lies Trash Service of Blue Springs, Mo. who also gave \$1,000 dollars total to 10 different drivers running in the back half of the field.

At the finish line, point leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) took second with Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) third, Samuel Wagner (Lone Jack, Mo.) fourth and three-time Helm Memorial winner Wesley Smith (Nixa, Mo) taking fifth in a car owned by John Helm, son of the race's namesake.

Intense competition was also present for those completing the top-10 with Chad Goff (Spring Hill, Kan.) earning a sixth while a surging Tom Curran (Kansas City, Mo.) advanced from 21st to seventh to earn Hard Charger honors. Broc Elliott

(California, Mo.) ran eighth while teammates Chad Winfrey and Chris Parkinson, both hailing from Gladstone, Mo., advanced 10 and 13 spots, respectively, to round out the top-10 in the 25-lap finale.

Earlier in the evening, Zach Clark flipped out of the track during hot laps but walked away uninjured. Unfortunately, his car was not, and his night of racing ended right there. The three heats were taken by Samuel Wagner, Wesley Smith and Kory Schudy who collected his series-leading eighth heat race victory of 2023.

Along with Lies Trash Service adding to the purse, John Helm, son of the late John E. Helm, pitched in several contingency cash awards, including \$112.12 in honor of his father's racing number "12," which was awarded to 12th place finisher Luke Howard.

Garrett Hulsey won the "Reverse Charger" award while Burks was named the sportsman of the race. Lewis had the longest tow of anybody in the field while Dakota Earls made the shortest tow.

Xtreme Color gave out the hard luck award to Cody Baker. Liberty Cycle provided a cash award to 20th place finisher Chad Tye. Drake Barker Racing dished out exactly 112 dollars to Chad Goff Motorsports after Goff drew the number twelve during the pill draw.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 9, 2023 – Valley Speedway – Grain Valley, Missouri – Helm Memorial

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 73-Samuel Wagner (1), 2. 9-Chad Goff (2), 3. 11w-Wyatt Burks (8), 4. 2H-Luke Howard (5), 5. 41w-Brad Wyatt (9), 6. 21m-Michael Moore (3), 7. 88-Chad Tye (4), 8. 27J-Justin Johnson (7), 9. 38-Kevin Frisbie (6). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 12-Wesley Smith (2), 2. 00-Broc Elliott (5), 3. 90-Warren Johnson (1), 4. 15E-Dakota Earls (6), 5. 88G-Garrett Hulsey (7), 6. 93-Junior Parkinson (3), 7. 66m-Max Grogan (8). NT

THIRD HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 2. 41-Ricky Lewis (7), 3. 15B-Quinton Benson (2), 4. 77-Jack Wagner (6), 5. 9H-Cody Baker (8), 6. 65w-Chad Winfrey (3), 7. 11x-Tom Curran (4), 8. 65-Chris Parkinson (5). NT

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 26-Zach Clark

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Ricky Lewis (2), 2. Wyatt Burks (3), 3. Kory Schudy (6), 4. Samuel Wagner (5), 5. Wesley Smith (1), 6. Chad Goff (7), 7. Tom Curran (21), 8. Broc Elliott (4), 9. Chad Winfrey (19), 10. Chris Parkinson (23), 11. Dakota Earls (9), 12. Luke Howard (13), 13. Michael Moore (17), 14. Junior Parkinson (18), 15. Brad Wyatt (8), 16. Chad Tye (20), 17. Warren Johnson (14), 18. Jack Wagner (10), 19. Quinton Benson (12), 20. Cody Baker (11), 21. Kevin Frisbie (24), 22. Max Grogan (16), 23. Justin Johnson (22), 24. Garrett Hulsey (15). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-2 Wesley Smith, Laps 3-25 Ricky Lewis.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2675, 2-Chris Parkinson-2325, 3-Chad Winfrey-2245, 4-Brad Wyatt-2065, 5-Dakota Earls-1945, 6-Justin Johnson-1840, 7-Junior Parkinson-1825, 8-Zach Clark-1790, 9-Luke Howard-1775, 10-Kory Schudy-1760.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACES: September 29-30, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

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SMITH SPEEDS TO VICTORY AT U.S. 36!

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (September 29, 2023).....Wesley Smith of Nixa, Mo. raced to victory during the preliminary round of the Missouri Nationals on Friday night at Osborn, Missouri's U.S. 36 Raceway featuring the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Cars.

The Show Me State racer had to get past rivals that included series point leader Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan), Chris Parkinson, (Gladstone, Mo.) and three-time 2023 winner Kory Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) in the early going of the 20-lap preliminary feature, driving a fourth different car with the series this season.

This time, Smith scored his second USAC MWRA feature victory of the year and his 10th all-time in points-paying races with the series. He was behind the wheel of the family-owned number 33 usually driven by his brother Bryson Smith.

Schudy, driving the Jon Sawyer Racing 28, a winner earlier in the season at U.S. 36, steadily reeled in Smith during this barn burner as they played cat and mouse with lapped traffic until the checkered flag flew with Smith taking the victory by a couple car lengths.

Meanwhile, Josh Most of (Red Oak, Iowa) made the "most" of his first race with the MWRA in 2023 to advance from 10th to 3rd, taking the final spot on the podium in the Germar Racing 93. Burks, behind the wheel of the WBR No. 11w, put a stranglehold on the championship with a fourth-place finish. Returning for the first time since a midseason hiatus, Lone Jack, Missouri chauffeur Braydon Cromwell, drove his BCR number four to fifth, showing little rust after his couple month layoff.

An impressive run by Dakota Earls from last to sixth earned him Hard Charger honors in his No. 15E after his car had a fuel issue during his heat, relegating him to a last place finish after leading most of the race. Parkinson came home seventh, Zach Clark eighth, Luke Howard ninth, Chad Winfrey 10th, Junior Parkinson 11th and Justin Johnson 12th.

Earlier in the evening, Cromwell won the first heat and Burks the second after starting fifth to win high point honors.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 29, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

FIRST HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 4-Braydon Cromwell (1), 2. 28-Kory Schudy (5), 3. 33-Wesley Smith (8), 4. 65w-Chad Winfrey (3), 5. 2H-Luke Howard (6), 6. 93p-Junior Parkinson (2), 7. 11B-Ben Woods (7), 8. 7x-Lance Silvers (4). NT

SECOND HEAT: (8 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 11w-Wyatt Burks (5), 2. 65-Chris Parkinson (7), 3. 26-Zach Clark (4), 4. 27J-Justin Johnson (3), 5. 93-Josh Most (6), 6. 88-Chad Tye (8), 7. 1-Chris Desselle (2), 8. 15E-Dakota Earls (1). NT

FEATURE: (20 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. Wesley Smith (3), 2. Kory Schudy (4), 3. Josh Most (10), 4. Wyatt Burks (1), 5. Braydon Cromwell (5), 6. Dakota Earls (16), 7. Chris Parkinson (2), 8. Zach Clark (6), 9. Luke Howard (9), 10. Chad Winfrey (7), 11. Junior Parkinson (12), 12. Justin Johnson (8), 13. Chad Tye (11), 14. Ben Woods (13), 15. Lance Silvers (15), 16. Chris Desselle (14). NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-6 Wyatt Burks, Laps 7-20 Wesley Smith.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-2850, 2-Chris Parkinson-2485, 3-Chad Winfrey-2390, 4-Dakota Earls-2110, 5-Brad Wyatt-2065, 6-Justin Johnson-1975, 7-Junior Parkinson-1965, 8-Kory Schudy-1945, 9-Zach Clark-1945, 10-Luke Howard-1925.

NEXT USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE: September 30, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

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SCHUDY SHOOTS TO MISSOURI NATIONALS WIN; BURKS BANKS USAC MWRA CHAMPIONSHIP

By: Ray Cunningham

Osborn, Missouri (September 30, 2023).....Kory Schudy stormed to his fourth victory of the USAC Wholesale Batteries Midwest Wingless Racing Association Sprint Car season during Saturday night's finale at Osborn, Missouri's U.S. 36 Raceway, night two of the Missouri Nationals.

Meanwhile, Wyatt Burks completed his road to the championship with his third title over the last four seasons following a third-place result, his 12th finish on the podium 17 feature events this year.

On this evening, Schudy (Battlefield, Mo.) was not to be denied, leading from start to finish after beginning his race from the pole position in his Jon Sawyer Racing No. 28 after finishing a close second in his last two starts at U.S. 36., including Friday night's preliminary round.

The previous night's winner, Wesley Smith of Nixa, Mo., put on a charge by running from 10th to second while Wyatt Burks (Topeka, Kan.) fought his way to third place from his eighth starting spot followed by Red Oak, Iowa chauffeur Josh Most in fourth and Chris Parkinson (Gladstone, Mo.) taking the fifth spot.

Zach Clark finished off his MWRA campaign, coming home in sixth as Luke Howard raced to a seventh-place result. Jack Wagner, driving Max Grogan's No. 66m, took eighth after transferring through the semi-feature.

Xavier Doney jumped into his sister Natalie's 305 sprint car after her feature was completed, and after much thrashing, converted the winged machine into a non-winged racer to run ninth, finishing in front of 10th running Junior Parkinson in his Weld/Parkinson No. 93.

Earlier in the semi, Chris Desselle took the win in his own number 1 followed by Wagner, Lance Silvers in third and Tyler Burton in fourth.

Special awards on this night, courtesy of Xtreme Color, were Dakota Earls (Hard Luck Award) after flipping in the feature while running sixth. Chris Parkinson Racing captured the sportsmanship award.

USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION RACE RESULTS: September 30, 2023 – U.S. 36 Raceway – Osborn, Missouri

SEMI: (8 laps) 1. 1-Chris Desselle (1), 2. 66m-Jack Wagner (3); 3. 7x-Lance Silvers (2). NT

FEATURE: (25 laps, starting positions in parentheses) 1. 28-Kory Schudy (1), 2. 12-Wesley Smith (10), 3. 11w-Wyatt Burks (8), 4. 93m-Josh Most (3), 5. 65-Chris Parkinson (5), 6. 26-Zach Clark (2), 7. 2H-Luke Howard (4), 8. Jack Wagner (13), 9. 74-Xavier Doney (15), 10. 93-Junior Parkinson (7), 11. 27J-Justin Johnson (9), 12. 88-Chad Tye (11), 13. 15E-Dakota Earls (6), 14. Lance Silvers (14), 15. Chris Desselle (12), 16. 65w-Chad Winfrey. NT

FEATURE LAP LEADERS: Laps 1-25 Kory Schudy.

ALSO AT THE TRACK: 03-Tyler Burton

FINAL USAC WHOLESALE BATTERIES MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION POINTS: 1-Wyatt Burks-3030, 2-Chris Parkinson-2655, 3-Chad Winfrey-2505, 4-Dakota Earls-2240, 5-Kory Schudy-2145, 6-Justin Johnson-2115, 7-Zach Clark-2110, 8-Junior Parkinson-2110, 9-Luke Howard-2085, 10-Brad Wyatt-2065.

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR DRIVER POINT STANDINGS:

POS.	PTS.	DRIVER, HOMETOWN
1.	3030	Wyatt Burks, Topeka, Kan.
2.	2655	Chris Parkinson, Gladstone, Mo.
3.	2505	Chad Winfrey, Gladstone, Mo.
4.	2240	Dakota Earls, Independence, Mo.
5.	2145	Kory Schudy, Battlefield, Mo.
6.	2115	Justin Johnson, Parkville, Mo.
7.	2110	Junior Parkinson, Wichita Falls, Texas
8.	2110	Zach Clark, Olathe, Kan.
9.	2085	Luke Howard, Overland Park, Kan.
10.	2065	Brad Wyatt, Kearney, Mo.
11.	1725	Wesley Smith, Billings, Mo.
12.	1295	Braydon Cromwell, Lone Jack, Mo.
13.	1030	Lance Silvers, Ottumwa, Iowa
14.	865	Chad Goff, Spring Hill, Kan.
15.	840	Warren Johnson, Harrisonville, Mo.
16.	800	Tom Curran, Kansas City, Mo.
17.	725	Cody Baker, Lone Jack, Mo.
18.	680	Jack Wagner, Lone Jack, Mo.
19.	550	Kobe Simpson, Bonham, Texas
20.	550	Riley Kreisel, Warsaw, Mo.
21.	535	Samuel Wagner, Lone Jack, Mo.
22.	485	Xavier Doney, Odessa, Mo.
23.	450	Quinton Benson, Sweet Springs, Mo.
24.	405	Bryson Smith, Springfield, Mo.
25.	400	A.J. Gilbert, Tonganoxie, Kan.
26.	225	Kyle Lewis, Spring Hill, Kan.
27.	200	Ricky Lewis, Camarillo, Calif.

- 28. 145 Jason Billups, Holt, Mo.
- 29. 105 Jonathan Hughes, Knoxville, Iowa
- 30. 75 Eddie Tafoya Jr., Chino Hills, Calif.

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINNERS:

Apr 21: Electric City Speedway - Butler, MO

WINNER: Braydon Cromwell (Mike Cromwell #4)

Apr 29: I-70 Motorsports Park - Odessa, MO

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

May 5: Humboldt Speedway - Humboldt, KS

WINNER: Chad Goff (Chad Goff Motorsports #9x)

May 6: 81 Speedway - Park City, KS

WINNER: Ty Hulsey (Ty Hulsey Racing #24H)

May 26: U.S. 36 Raceway - Osborn, MO

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

Jun 3: (SE) Knoxville Raceway - Knoxville, IA

WINNER: Jake Swanson (Team AZ Racing #21AZ)

Jun 16: Lakeside Speedway - Kansas City, KS

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

Jun 24: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Kory Schudy (Jon Sawyer Racing #28)

Jul 21: U.S. 36 Raceway - Osborn, MO

WINNER: Kory Schudy (Jon Sawyer Racing #28)

Jul 28: Electric City Speedway - Butler, MO

WINNER: Kory Schudy (Jon Sawyer Racing #28)

Jul 29: Nevada Speedway - Nevada, MO

WINNER: Wesley Smith (John Helm Racing #12)

Aug 18: Lakeside Speedway - Kansas City, KS

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

Sep 1: U.S. 36 Raceway - Osborn, MO

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

Sep 2: I-35 Speedway - Winston, MO

WINNER: Wyatt Burks (Wyatt Burks Racing #11w)

Sep 3: Bethany Speedway - Bethany, MO

WINNER: Luke Howard (Luke Howard Racing #2H)

Sep 9: Valley Speedway - Grain Valley, MO

WINNER: Ricky Lewis (Dave Brown #41)

Sep 29: U.S. 36 Raceway - Osborn, MO

WINNER: Wesley Smith (Bryson Smith #33)

Sep 30: U.S. 36 Raceway - Osborn, MO

WINNER: Kory Schudy (Jon Sawyer Racing #28)

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS: (FULL POINTS)

6-Wyatt Burks (Apr 29 at I-70 Motorsports Park, May 26 at U.S. 36 Raceway, Jun 16 at Lakeside Speedway, Aug 18 at Lakeside Speedway, Sep 1 at U.S. 36 Raceway & Sep 2 at I-35 Speedway)

4-Kory Schudy (Jun 24 at Valley Speedway, Jul 21 at U.S. 36 Raceway, Jul 28 at Electric City Speedway & Sep 30 at U.S. 36 Raceway)

2-Wesley Smith (Jul 29 at Nevada Speedway & Sep 29 at U.S. 36 Raceway)

1-Braydon Cromwell (Apr 21 at Electric City Speedway)

1-Chad Goff (May 5 at Humboldt Speedway)

1-Luke Howard (Sep 3 at Bethany Speedway)

1-Ty Hulsey (May 6 at 81 Speedway)

1-Ricky Lewis (Sep 9 at Valley Speedway)

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE WINS: (NON-POINTS SPECIAL EVENTS)

1-Jake Swanson (Jun 3 at Knoxville Raceway)

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE LAPS LED:

121-Kory Schudy
111-Wyatt Burks
27-Luke Howard
26-Ty Hulsey
23-Ricky Lewis
20-Chad Goff
19-Cody Baker & Wesley Smith
15-Braydon Cromwell
14-Chad Winfrey
10-Jack Wagner
5-Brad Wyatt
4-Quinton Benson & Dakota Earls
1-Zach Clark & Xavier Doney

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR TOP-5 FEATURE FINISHES:

14-Wyatt Burks
10-Kory Schudy & Wesley Smith
7-Luke Howard & Chris Parkinson
4-Braydon Cromwell & Brad Wyatt
3-Ty Hulsey, Riley Kreisel & Chad Winfrey
2-Quinton Benson, Zach Clark, Xavier Doney, Dakota Earls, Josh Most, Kobe Simpson & Jack Wagner
1-Jeremy Campbell, Craig Carroll, Chad Goff, Ricky Lewis, Samuel Wagner & Ben Woods

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR TOP-10 FEATURE FINISHES:

17-Wyatt Burks
15-Chris Parkinson

13-Chad Winfrey

11-Kory Schudy

10-Dakota Earls, Luke Howard, Wesley Smith & Brad Wyatt

8-Zach Clark

7-Braydon Cromwell

6-Junior Parkinson

4-Ty Hulsey & Jack Wagner

3-Craig Carroll, Xavier Doney, Chad Goff, Warren Johnson, Riley Kreisel, Kobe Simpson & Samuel Wagner

2-Quinton Benson, Kyle Lewis, Josh Most, Bryson Smith & Ben Woods

1-Cody Baker, Jason Billups, Jeremy Campbell, Tom Curran, Zach Daum, Broc Elliott, Chad Frewaldt, A.J. Gilbert, Garrett Hulsey, Justin Johnson, Ricky Lewis, Doug Sylvester, Eddie Tafoya Jr. & Chad Tye

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR HEAT RACE WINS:

8-Wyatt Burks & Kory Schudy

3-Wesley Smith

2-Cody Baker, Riley Kreisel, Samuel Wagner & Brad Wyatt

1-Quinton Benson, Braydon Cromwell, Zach Daum, Dakota Earls, Chad Goff, Luke Howard, Ty Hulsey, A.J. Johnson, Chris Parkinson, Cam Schafer & Jack Wagner

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR SEMI-FEATURE WINS:

1-Chris Desselle

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2023 USAC MIDWEST WINGLESS RACING ASSOCIATION SPRINT CAR FEATURE STARTS:

17-Wyatt Burks, Justin Johnson, Chris Parkinson & Chad Winfrey

16-Junior Parkinson

14-Zach Clark, Dakota Earls & Brad Wyatt

13-Luke Howard

12-Kory Schudy

11-Chad Tye

10-Wesley Smith

8-Braydon Cromwell & Lance Silvers

6-Tom Curran, Chad Goff & Warren Johnson

5-Cody Baker, Ty Hulsey, Michael Moore & Jack Wagner

4-Craig Carroll, Xavier Doney, Garrett Hulsey, Riley Kreisel, Samuel Wagner & Ben Woods

3-Quinton Benson, Chad Frewaldt, A.J. Gilbert, Kobe Simpson & Bryson Smith

2-Chris Desselle, Kevin Frisbie, Kyle Lewis & Josh Most

1-Jesse Bebee, Brian Beebe, Jason Billups, J.D. Black, Clinton Bruns, Tyler Burton, Jeremy Campbell, Zach Daum, Broc Elliott, Taylor Forbes, Max Grogan, Jonathan Hughes, A.J. Johnson, Jake Kouba, Ricky Lewis, Jeff Pellersels, Zach Sanders, Cam Schafer, Doug Sylvester & Eddie Tafoya Jr.